all that income for the year 1930-31 only? And if so, what are the details?

Dewan.—

The income relates to the year 1930-31 only. Notice is necessary if details are required.

MR. G. CHIKKA MUNIYAPPA (Sidlaghatta Taluk).—

Q.—19. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many years ago was it decided to raise the minimum pay of primary school masters to Rs. 20 per month?

(*b*) The reasons for not increasing the scale of pay of the said school masters?

(*c*) The number of teachers drawing Rs. 15 and Rs. 17? (Districtwar particulars may kindly be furnished.)

(*d*) The amount required to raise the pay of the said masters to Rs. 20?

(*e*) Whether it is possible to enhance the pay of the teachers at least during 1931-32?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—19. (*a*) It was contemplated in G.O. No. 11180-25—Edn. 498-20-1, dated the 25th May 1921, reviewing the problem relating to the improvement of education in Mysore that a minimum salary of Rs. 20 should be secured to every teacher.

(*b*) Want of funds.

(*c*) The number of teachers on Rs. 15 and Rs. 17 are as follows:—

Name of district	*Teachers on Rs. 15*	*Teachers on Rs. 17*
Bangalore	456	299
Kolar	352	310
Tumkur	373	319
Mysore	879	290
Hassan	243	269
Shimoga	297	312
Kadur	161	241
Chitaldrug	333	209

(*d*) The amount required to raise the pay of the teachers to Rs. 20 will be Rs. 2,66,604.

(*e*) No.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. K. T. Satyanarayana Setty.—

Is not the desirability of improving the pay and prospects of primary school teachers being brought up in this Assembly for a number of years past, and if so, what is the action taken by the Government in the matter so far?

First Member of Council.—

Some action has been taken and the expenditure calculated. The Director of Public Instruction has been trying to do something for the teachers for the past 3 or 4 years; but due to want of funds, it has not been possible to do anything practically. Recently, some new places on higher pay have been created, and the men who are already in service on a lower pay will get these promotions. The policy of Government is to appoint men of the proper type and to improve the lot of the service.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

What are the reasons for a large percentage of teachers in the Mysore District getting lower pay than those in other districts?

First Member of Council.—

I cannot give the reasons off-hand. But recent sanctions have generally been of appointments on the higher pay.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Do the figures furnished warrant the inference that most of the teachers in the Mysore District are not sufficiently qualified?

First Member of Council.—

I do not think so. Generally speaking, there were a large number of teachers on a pay of Rs. 7 or Rs. 8 working in the old village aided schools. When the education cess was levied in the districts, Government considered that, instead of spending a great part of the money on improving the pay of the teachers in Government schools, it was more urgent that the aided schools should be converted into Government schools, giving the teachers of those schools a minimum pay of Rs. 15.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Why is the number of teachers on Rs. 17 in the Mysore District much less than in other districts?

First Member of Council.—

The figures cannot be compared like that. In the Mysore District there are more appointments on Rs. 15. The teachers on lower pay will in due course get promotion.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Why should the number be so small particularly in the Mysore District?

First Member of Council.—

The reason is that in the Mysore District a large number of aided schools were converted into Government institutions.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Is it not possible to improve the prospects of these teachers in the near future?

First Member of Council.—

You may go into the details in the School Board and communicate your views to the department.

Mr. S. Venkatasami Gowda.—

Will it be possible for the Government to improve the lot of primary school masters with the aid of the 2 lakhs of rupees which His Highness has been pleased to make available to the State out of his Privy Purse?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

Do the Government at least realise that the scales of pay now existing are very inadequate?

First Member of Council.—

That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

Do the Government realise that improvement of the lot of primary school masters deserves the foremost consideration?

First Member of Council.—

Many other matters deserve the same urgent attention. Improvement of the prospects of primary school masters is one of the matters for early consideration.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

There are more teachers on Rs. 17 in the Hassan, Shimoga and Kadur Districts. Does it not mean that teachers in the other districts do not get sufficient encouragement? Why should there be such difference?

First Member of Council.—

The facts are there. The department had simply to accept the proposals of the District Boards concerned. In some districts we had to give more Government schools, with the result that more teachers on Rs. 15 had to be employed.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Can you remove these anomalies hereafter at least?

First Member of Council.—

It is for the District Boards to consider that matter.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

In that case, will the Government give their sympathetic consideration to the matter?

First Member of Council.—

It is a matter of time.

Mr. H. R. T. Rajagopala Mudaliar.—

Is there a system of giving time-scales of pay to primary school teachers or are they to retire on whatever pay they were started on?

First Member of Council.—

The scales of pay given to the primary school teachers are given in the budget. There are teachers getting fixed pay and teachers in graded pay; and they all get promotions to higher grades as vacancies arise.

Mr. H. R. T. Rajagopala Mudaliar.—

In the case of those who have not been put in a time-scale, will the Government be pleased to give at least some small increment in the near future?

First Member of Council.—

I am afraid not in the immediate future.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

There is already an order to the effect that the minimum pay of school masters should be Rs. 20. Why is that order not given effect to? Do not Government consider it necessary to increase their pay to Rs. 20?

First Member of Council.—

There is no definite order about it, although the intention was indicated. It is certainly desirable to increase the pay to Rs. 20, but owing to financial stringency it cannot be done now.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

The improvement of the lot of primary school teachers is being pressed on the attention of Government for at least ten years past, while the financial stringency is only a recent difficulty which the Government are faced with. Why was not some relief given to the teachers all these years?

First Member of Council.—

Better pay has been given to some of them in recent years. As regards the whole strength of the staff, I may say that the financial stringency has been in the way ever since the question came up.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Is it not very necessary to place every teacher in a time-scale?

First Member of Council.—

It may be desirable but it cannot be said to be very necessary.

Messrs. Mir Mahomed Saheb and Syed Khaja Peeran.—

How is it that very few teachers are available for employment in the Kadur District, as seen from the figures given in the answers?

First Member of Council.—

The figures furnished relate only to the number of primary school teachers. There are others in the Kadur District who are getting higher pay.

Messrs. Mir Mahomed Saheb and Syed Khaja Peeran.—

Is it not true that teachers from the maidan parts refuse to go on transfer to the malnad parts because the special locality allowances given are inadequate?

First Member of Council.—

I do not think anybody can refuse to go to the malnad if transferred. As servants of Government they must go.

Messrs. Mir Mahomed Saheb and Syed Khaja Peeran.—

Is it not true that the District Board recommended the allowance to be raised from Rs. 1-8-0 to Rs. 5-0-0, because houses are difficult to get in the malnad parts?

First Member of Council.—

It is not possible to give Rs. 5 to every one. If there be any difficulties regarding accommodation for teachers, it is for the School Board to examine the question.

MR. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether any steps have been taken by them to construct Ragimakalahalli Tank near Budikote in Bowringpet Taluk?

(*b*) If so, whether it is possible to begin the work during this year and whether Government have provided funds for this work during the year?

(*c*) The total extent of lands likely to come under wet cultivation by the construction of this tank?

(*d*) The probable annual income expected by Government by the construction of this tank?

(*e*) The reasons for not having commenced the work when it is expected to yield the above revenue?

(*f*) Whether they are aware that the villagers in these parts are suffering for want of water for irrigation?

(*g*) Whether the raiyats of these parts have agreed to pay contribution and execute a mutchalika to that effect?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—20. (*a*) A preliminary project has been prepared.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) 836 acres: 636 acres dry, 200 acres wet.